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Sick celeb may have to quit

JUNGLE ELAINE 999 DASH DRAMA

EXCLUSIVE by PETER DYKE

I'M A Celebrity star Elaine Lordan may be forced to pull out after being rushed to hospital in a 999 dash from the TV show's jungle camp. The actress collapsed twice in just 24 hours.

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SICK: Star Elaine

**Kimberley's gonna
make Sid cry**

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Bomb kills Brit

A HOODED Iraqi stands in front of a gutted Army patrol vehicle in which another British soldier was killed yesterday. Four others squaddies were injured when a deadly roadside bomb tore through the Land Rover as it patrolled Basra. The wounded have been taken

to a field hospital for emergency treatment.

Terror cells in the southern Iraqi city are being supplied with explosives by neighbouring Iran. At least 10 UK soldiers have been killed in Iraq by roadside bombs. The death toll for UK soldiers in Iraq is now 98.

BLAIR FORCE ONE BLASTED

School bullies warned

SCHOOLS minister Jacqui Smith warned children and parents that playground bullying "will not be tolerated".

Parents of pupils who attack or threaten classmates could be fined up to £1,000 under Government plans, she said.

Ms Smith was speaking at the start of anti-bullying week and after a surge of violent incidents in schools.

Line

She said: "Bullying should never be tolerated in our schools, no matter what its motivation."

"Children must know what is right and what is wrong, and that there will be consequences for crossing the line."

Last week 15-year-old Natasha Jackman was attacked with a pair of scissors during lunch break at Collingwood College in Camberley, Surrey.

PM wants £80m fleet of luxury planes

by JULIAN GAVAGHAN
TONY Blair wants to splash out £80million of taxpayers' money - so he can fly round the world in luxury.

The Prime Minister was slammed by politicians from all sides after he announced plans to buy THREE push aircraft.

A Labour source said: "At a time when we are trying to find money for vital public services, it is hard to justify spending millions of pounds on a fancy plane so the PM can travel in style."

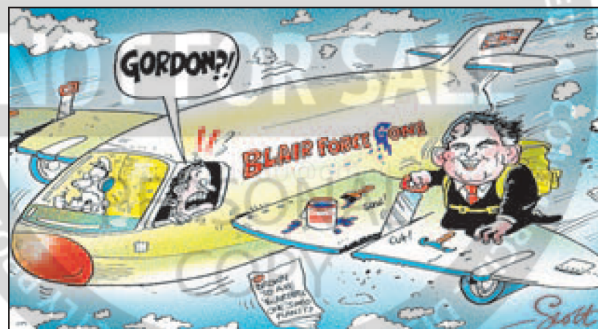
Private

Top of Blair's shopping list is a Jumbo - dubbed Blair Force One after US President Bush's jet Air Force One. It's customised for VIP use and with the latest anti-terror security devices, at a cost of £60m.

He also wants a smaller private jet for short-haul flights - such as from his north-east Sedgefield constituency to Westminster - costing at least £12m.

And a £5m helicopter to ferry him in and out of cities completes his wishlist.

But Chancellor Gordon Brown, 54, who would have to pay the bill, is threatening



to delay the plan until 2008 - when he is confident he will be in No.10 himself.

The plane plan has sparked fury in the Labour party and shattered the truce between Mr Blair, 52, and Mr Brown, who believes a special jet is an unnecessary extravagance.

The Labour source added: "If Gordon

Brown were PM he would be happy to do without his own fleet of planes."

The plan was revealed in a leaked report from Downing Street.

The Queen would share the Jumbo but only if she asks the PM's permission.

Downing Street has been fighting to get the PM his own plane for years, but so far has been blocked because of the £5million-a-year running cost.

Tory MPs last night blasted the Blair Force One plan.

Ann Widdecombe, 58, said: "The idea of Tony Blair's personal air fleet is a bit rich coming from the man who once said his government would not become consumed by the trappings of office."

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Happy Birthday

Actress Nicollette Sheridan - Edie Britt in Desperate Housewives - is 42 today.



Thought for day...

Anyone who pays good money to a psychiatrist needs his head examining.

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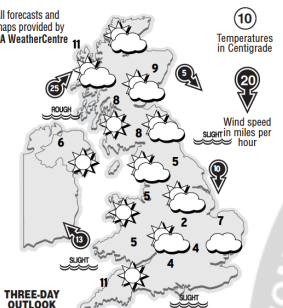
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INFO STATION

TODAY: A frosty and foggy start. Cloud will increase in eastern England. The best sunshine will be over south-west England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Sunny spells across Scotland, with the occasional shower in the north-west.

OUTLOOK: Fog patches tomorrow morning. Much of England and Wales will be cloudy with drizzle. Sunshine over Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the north and far south of England.

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Dublin	sunny	9c (48f)	Nice	fair	11c (52f)
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CELEBS SEEING DOUBLE

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EXCLUSIVE

■ by LEIGH PURVES

THE stars have finally cracked the secret of immortality, thanks to the latest must-have accessory - a £6,000 silicone clone.

Ozzy Osbourne, 56, is among dozens of celebs whose images will live on forever in the form of a lifesize replica.

Pamela Anderson, 38, Robbie Williams, 31, music mogul Simon Cowell, 46, chat show host Graham Norton, 42, and Little Britain's Matt Lucas, 31, are also said to be on the waiting list.

And sizzling socialite Paris Hilton, 24, and Velvet Revolver star Slash, 40, are waiting to collect theirs in time for Christmas.

A source told us: "Paris wanted a replica of herself to give to an elderly relative so she can be reminded of her all the time. She also thinks it's a cool way to preserve her looks for ever."

Creepy

"Pamela Anderson is also on the waiting list for a double of herself and Ozzy Osbourne has had one produced, too."

Speaking exclusively to the Daily Star about his replica, Ozzy said: "People could use them as body doubles. They're so exact, it's creepy."

Creator Chris Vranian makes them with a team of special effects experts who have worked on movies including Hellraiser and Sleepy Hollow.

He said: "Celebs see it as a way of retaining their looks for ever. The microscopic details are our signature. They even feature airbrushed skin tones and veins."

"And it's not just celebs who have been ordering them."

"Fans have been flocking to buy replicas of their favourite stars."

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ORIGINAL MODEL: Paris is getting one



UNCANNY: Rocker Ozzy



WAITING LIST: Pamela

L of a lesson for Posh

DAVID Beckham has turned driving instructor to help wife Victoria beat her fears of driving on Spanish roads.

Posh, 31, was too nervous to use the £55,000 BMW convertible that the England football captain bought her this summer to prevent her having to rely on a chauffeur.

So Becks, 30, stepped in to tutor his missus on driving on the wrong side of the road and coping with horn-happy Spanish drivers.

And last week, Victoria drove the

■ from GERARD COUZENS in Madrid

champagne-coloured 645i - which has her initials VB on the wheels - on her own for the first time.

"She'd never driven in Spain up until the summer and was very nervous about driving on the other side of the road," said a friend.

"It's early days yet for Victoria and she's still a bit nervous driving in Madrid. But she's improving day by day under David's guidance."



Sam

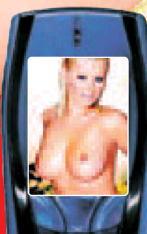
GIVE a big warm welcome to Page 3 new girl Sam. The 20-year-old, from Colchester, Essex, says her ambition is to be a top glamour model - a fairly safe bet, we reckon - and her favourite food is a winkle sandwich. ... OK, you can stop sniggering now.

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ELAINE MAY HAVE TO LEAVE JUNGLE



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**MEAL
APPEAL:**
Nervous Sid
and David
share a joke
before getting
their safety
goggles on

Fears over star's dash to hospital



EXCLUSIVE
from PETER DYKE
in Australia

I'M A Celebrity star Elaine Lordan faced having to quit the show last night after a dramatic dash to hospital.

The 39-year-old former EastEnders actress collapsed for the second time in 24 hours in the Aussie outback.

Now telly bosses are waiting to hear from doctors whether she will be fit enough to return to the jungle camp. If not it will be the first time that a celeb has pulled out before they have even appeared on screen.

Last night a show spokesman said: "We are monitoring the situation and wish Elaine well but at this stage have no idea whether she will return."

Telly chiefs sent word of the health scare to her partner Peter Manuel, 39 – the father of her 11-month-old son – back in the UK.

Elaine – who was booted off the BBC soap because of her "boozing and rows" – fainted within hours of arriving in the jungle on Saturday.

The star claimed she was weak and dehydrated from heat exhaustion. She recovered after paramedics gave her oxygen. But last night Elaine collapsed again. This time it was felt that her condition might be serious and needed to be checked by doctors.

She was stretched out of the rainforest site in New South Wales and taken by ambulance to hospital. Ex-Emmerdale star Sheree Murphy, 30, said: "She seemed fine earlier. She had been reassuring everyone that she was okay now. This is terrible."

WEAK: Elaine

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Gutted

Last night a hospital source added: "Elaine is a little shaken up but she is keeping her spirits up."

"She is gutted that this has happened because she really wanted to do the show. She will be heartbroken if she has to pull out."

All the stars have strict medicals before they go into the jungle. Insiders say Elaine passed with flying colours. If she does not return it means the jungle gang is now down to nine.

In the past, extra celebrities have been kept on standby but they have never been used and TV bosses opted to do without for this series.

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Trial boys hissed off

by MARK JEFFERIES

POOR David Dickinson and Sid Owen got off to a sticky start – they only managed to bag four meals in the first Bushtucker Trial.

The pair were harnessed to trees and rigged together, so when one celeb was at the treetop, the other was down low.

They had to fumble in fishbowls full of nasty critters, at different points up each tree, to find number combinations to unlock 10 stars – each representing a meal.

With 10 minutes on the clock, Sid, 33, and David, 64, had to raise and lower each other up and down the tree trunks to complete the task.

The first star was easily won by Sid, who plunged his hand into a fishbowl of slime and fly pupae. Among the nasties in the other bowls were slime, cane toads and rats.

With four stars gained and a minute left on the clock, Sid had to face a huge python which was blocking the number combination.

Sadly, the snake got the better of him, leaving the boys to head back to camp to tell their pals food would be in short supply.



RATS THE WAY: David dives into one bowl



Pictures: TIM MERRY



Tara's A OK!

■ I'M A Celebrity sizzler Tara Palmer-Tomkinson made sure she caught up on all the top showbiz gossip as she relaxed by the pool at her hotel Down Under.

The upper-crust beauty - co-host of ITV2's jungle spin-off show - was snapped leafing through OK! Magazine as she soaked up the sunshine in her skimpy pink bikini.

■ But Tara, 33, couldn't afford to spend long topping up her tan, thanks to the time difference between here and Australia.

They are 10 hours ahead of us out there, which means Tara has to hit the sack very early every night.

■ The poor girl has to get up at 4am every day to prepare for the show she co-hosts with Matt Brown, 32.



SNAKE-OMETER

1 SID OWEN
- He braved the first Bush Tucker Trial and came to Elaine's rescue when she fainted. Go on Rickaay!

3 JENNY FROST
- This sexy singer has already been flashing her pants - but unfortunately they're big Bridget Jones-style ones with pictures of her family on them.

5 KIMBERLEY DAVIES
- She's been calm in the camp because she is an Aussie girl who is used to coping in the Outback.

7 DAVID DICKINSON
- Took himself too seriously when in charge of the camp. Interest in him is fading faster than his fake tan.

9 JIMMY OSMOND
- Naughty Jimmy slides to the bottom end of the list for sneaking contraband into the camp in his teddy. After being ticked off he got bitten too!



2 SHEREE MURPHY
- Has overcome her fear of flying to skydive into camp. Can she keep it up though?

4 ANTHONY COSTA
- He's missing his girlfriend Adele so much that he's already talking about marrying her when he gets back home.

6 JILLY GOLDEN
- Struggling without much Food and Drink, but she helped Jimmy remove his tick by calling in Medic Bob.

8 ELAINE LORDAN
- She's in camp for less than 24 hours before she was rushed to hospital after fainting twice. Could already be out for good...

10 CAROL THATCHER
- She was sick when she skydived onto the show and has been caught short in the camp and didn't use the toilet. That's one jungle horror show we don't want to see.

RE-COLD BREAKER

Brits shiver in freeze-up



FLAKEY:
A snowboarder in Trafalgar Square

THE Big Chill started yesterday as freezing fog and frost hit Britain. But there's even worse to come, say forecasters. They say we'll have BLIZZARDS by Wednesday.

And they warned that this winter could be the coldest for more than 40 years with the freeze lasting for three months from December to February.

Bookies William Hill have already slashed odds to 16-1 against -26.1C (-15F), the lowest temperature ever recorded in England, being beaten this winter. They have also taken six four-

by IMOGEN LILLYWHITE

figure bets on the chances of a white Christmas.

The coldest spot in Britain yesterday was Redhill, Surrey, at -7.6C (18F) and plenty of Brits - like 18-year-old Bristol beauties Jenny Orr and Sophie Bolton - kept well wrapped up.

Snowboard freaks even queued up for winter sport in London's Trafalgar Square. But their snow was just man-made - part of the Red Bull Rail Storm.

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CHILL OUT:
Hot babes Jenny and Sophie keep out the cold at a Bristol ice rink



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Shot policewoman weeps for murdered pal as six are quizzed

TEARS OF COURAGE

HOME: Gun raid survivor Teresa leaves hospital in Bradford with her husband Chris yesterday

VICTIM: Sharon died on her daughter's birthday. Right, Teresa fights back her grief



SHOT policewoman Teresa Milburn broke down in tears as she left hospital yesterday.

Just 48 hours earlier she had seen 37-year-old WPC Sharon Beshenivsky shot dead in front of her.

An armed gang opened fire as the pair arrived at the scene of a raid on a travel agents.

Rookie Teresa was shot in the shoulder as the thugs fled with a

by JERRY LAWTON

large haul of cash. She survived after emergency surgery only to discover Sharon had died on her youngest daughter's fourth birthday.

Yesterday, as police questioned five Somalis, Teresa left Bradford Royal Infirmary with her husband Chris and 16-year-old son James.

Clutching a pink pig soft toy and bouquet of lilies, she sobbed that

she was feeling "fine". She added: "I'm looking forward to getting home."

Three police cars escorted her back to her home in Birstall, near Bradford, which was last night under armed guard.

A senior police source said: "She is devastated by what has happened to Sharon."

Sharon's husband, landscape gardener Paul Beshenivsky, 42, went to the murder scene yesterday.

He said later: "The people who did this to Sharon and Teresa, and to our families, are cowards. She was my rock. They took away my wife but they also took away a wonderful mum and the world is a darker place without her. "She was so proud to be in the police and we were so proud of her."

Held

The officers were attacked at the Universal Express travel agents in Bradford on Friday.

Sharon, who had three children and two stepchildren, was shot through her body armour.

Within 24 hours police arrested six people in London after a silver getaway motor was spotted on CCTV in Bradford.

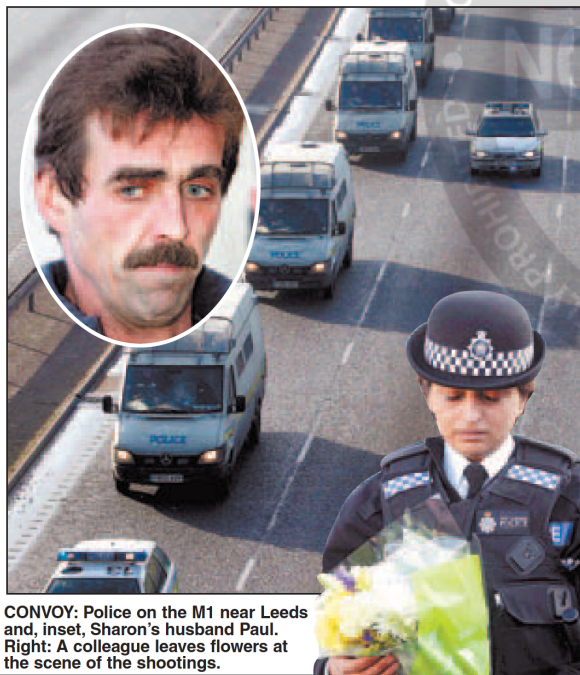
Five of the suspects, four men and a woman, were driven up the M1 back to West Yorkshire in a 15-vehicle armed convoy.

One man was being held by detectives in London.

Last night ex-Metropolitan Police chief Lord Stevens called for the death penalty for cop killers.

He said: "All my life I have been against the death penalty. But after the cold-blooded murder of policewoman Sharon Beshenivsky I've changed my mind."

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CONVOY: Police on the M1 near Leeds and, inset, Sharon's husband Paul. Right: A colleague leaves flowers at the scene of the shootings.



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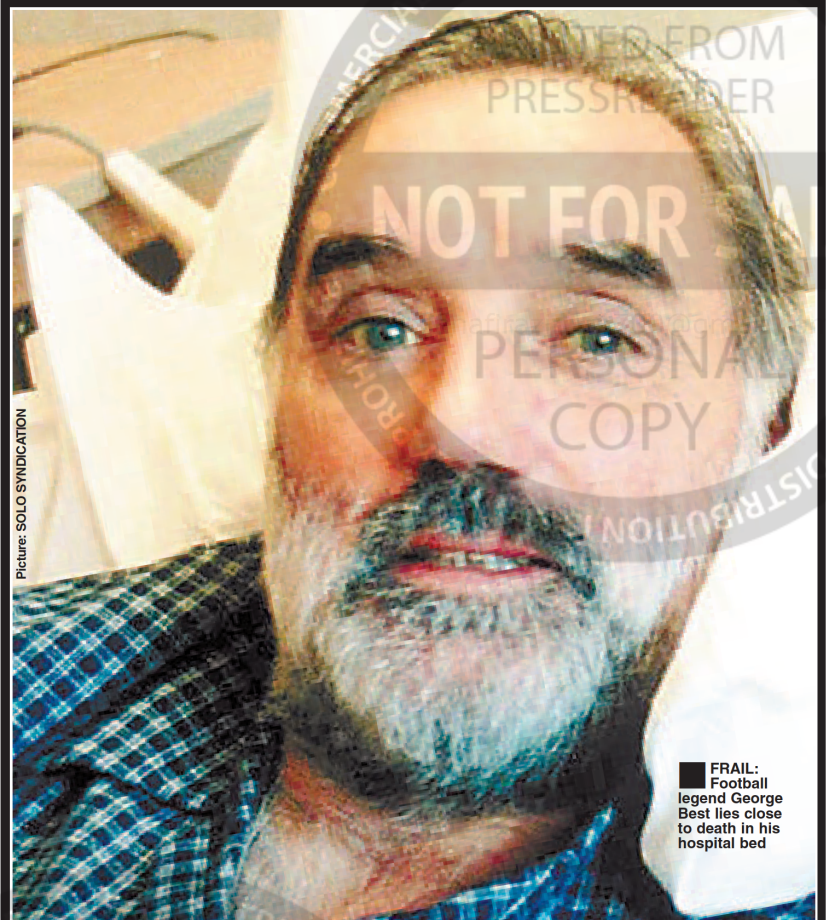
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FRAIL: Football legend George Best lies close to death in his hospital bed

BESTIE...THE FINAL HOURS

Hope fades for stricken star

GEORGE Best's family were at his bedside last night as the ailing football legend clung onto life.

The 59-year-old ex-Manchester United star was in a critical condition with a severe lung infection.

Frail Best was hooked up to a ventilator in the intensive care unit of London's private Cromwell Hospital.

Doctors admit his chances of recovery are fading as he remains on a life-support machine.

Best's son Calum, 24, has kept a constant bedside vigil.

And yesterday the former Northern Ireland international's sisters Barbara and Carole and his brothers-in-law Norman and Alan flew in from Belfast.

They joined Best's agent and friend Phil Hughes, his elderly father Dickie and brother Ian at the hospital, anxiously praying for a breakthrough.

But Best's doctor admitted that his condition looked bleak.

Prof Roger Williams - who carried out Best's 2002 liver transplant - has put him back on dialysis for his failing kidneys and given him

by GARY NICKS

oxygen for breathing. His assistant Dr Akeel Alisa said yesterday: "He remains very critical and in a dangerous condition."

"We haven't seen any dramatic improvement in his condition so far."

Phil Hughes said Best's family "were taking strength from the support of the public".

He spoke after Best allowed a shocking picture of him lying in his hospital bed to be released.

Plight

The photo shows how the alcoholic has suffered dramatic weight loss.

He has also turned a ghastly yellow colour because his liver has packed up.

Phil said: "George could never beat his drink problem. But he told

me: 'I hope my plight can act as a warning to others.'

"He has lost so much weight he looks like a broken sparrow."

"He's shrunk from over 12 stone to barely seven stone and is just skin and bone."

Best said he wanted the picture published to warn others about the dangers of booze addiction.

Phil said yesterday: "The family are bearing up. They would like to say thank you to all the well-wishers."

"It is a very hard time for all of us."

Best was admitted to hospital on October 1 suffering from flu-like infections.

He deteriorated rapidly this month when he developed a kidney infection.

Best was on the brink of death but the TV pundit managed to fight back.

His condition worsened on Friday when he developed an infection in a lung.

BEDSIDE VIGIL: George's son Calum

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AGI'S A GEM

by NADINE LINGE

★ GORGEOUS

Christina Aguilera looked just beautiful with roses and a glittering jewelled tiara in her blonde hair as she stepped out to be a bride. The 24-year-old singer wore a stunning white Christian Lacroix gown to tie the knot with music mogul Jordan Bratman.

★ The couple, who have dated for two-and-a-half years, married in a sunset ceremony at a vineyard in California's Napa Valley.

A choir sang during the traditional Jewish ceremony in a farmhouse on the edge of a forest and the reception was held in the wine cellars.

★ Hollywood actress

Bride sparkles in a crown of jewels

Sharon Stone, 47, and Christina's legendary music manager Irving Azoff, 57, who introduced the pair.

★ Kind-hearted Christina and Jordan, 26, asked guests to make donations to charities for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita rather than give them presents.

The couple exchanged wedding rings made by British jeweller Stephen Webster who also designed

the babe's five-carat engagement band.

★ A pal of the chart topper who's had hits with Genie In A Bottle, Dirty and Beautiful said: "Christina wanted this to be a dream wedding. Every detail was personally approved by her."

● For exclusive pictures and more details of Christina's wedding, see this week's OK! magazine.

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BRIDAL PATH:
Pop princess Christina leaves her hotel to climb into a white Rolls-Royce on her way to marry Jordan, far right

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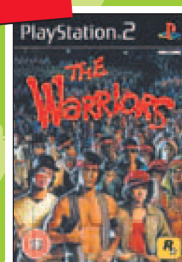
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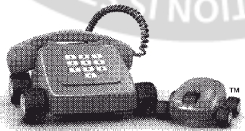
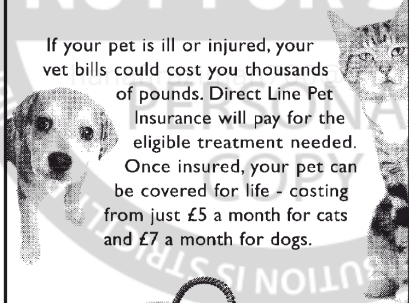
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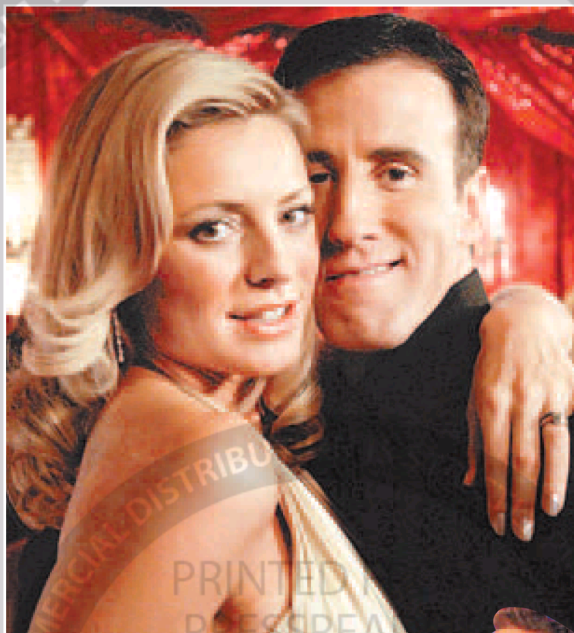
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FANS ARE OUT TO GET LOUIS



Fears Shayne could be next

EXCLUSIVE
by MARK JEFFERIES

LOUIS Walsh fears X Factor fans have launched a vendetta against him - and want ALL his acts voted off.

The Irish judge lost 18-year-old Nicholas Dorsett on Saturday night.

Now he has only hunk Shayne Ward, 21, left in his under-25s section. And even bookies' favourite Shayne narrowly missed being in the bottom two on Saturday.

Viewers are now rejecting Walsh's acts because he saved the Conway Sisters a week ago when they were up against 30-year-old Maria Lawson.

A show source said: "Louis was very uncomfortable after the show on Saturday and he is feeling the pressure."

Talent

"Some of the audience were even booing him."

"He could live to regret saving the Conway Sisters because even though it was more than a week ago, fans haven't forgotten it."

"Shayne is an amazing talent but he could pay the price for having Louis as his boss when it comes to the public voting."

On Saturday night on ITV2's Xtra Factor, 75% of fans who took part in a phone poll voted that Walsh had "lost his touch". And fellow judge Simon Cowell, 46, mocked him further by saying: "There is a hell of a lot of pressure on you now Louis."

"Maybe you are going to screw this up. The fans have voted and they are the ones that count on this show."

Trying not to look under pressure, sweating Walsh, 53,



PRESSURE: Walsh

replied: "I think I have got one amazing act left."

"I think that Shayne has got it all, but no one is safe in this contest."

Walsh has now vowed to spend "all week" devoted to Shayne to make sure his performance is perfect so he will not get the chop. He said: "I'm going to do everything I can to help Shayne. I always thought he was special, but it is early days until the final."

Walsh's rival judges Sharon Osbourne, 53, and Cowell both think that Shayne is a great talent.

But they believe he needs to be stretched more with his choice of songs.

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Anton's quick step



BALLROOM ace Anton Du Beke spent the night getting very close to the ladies on the hit BBC reality show Strictly Come Dancing.

After he took a turn on the dance floor with actress Patsy Palmer, 33, above, the 22-year-old snuggled up backstage with host Tess Daly, 34, pictured top.

Chico best still to come



OUTRAGEOUS: Chico

SHARON Osbourne has vowed to make "Chico Time" even bigger and better next week.

The ex-stripper shocked fans on Saturday night with an outrageous performance of his song It's Chico Time.

But Sharon said: "I am not going to tell you what we are going to do with him next week but we can top it."

Chico, 34, is now just 16-1 with bookmakers William Hill to grab the Christmas No.1 with the single.

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BOMBSHELL:
Presenter Kate
Thornton comforts
Nicholas as he gets
the bad news



Bust-up's to blame says Nick

X FACTOR loser Nicholas Dorsett reckons the row between Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh cost him his place on the show.

The 18-year-old was dumped on Saturday in a sing-off with the Conway Sisters, thanks to Sharon's casting vote.

Last week, Sharon, 53, was left fuming when Louis Walsh, 53, axed her act Maria Lawson, 30, to save the Conways. Asked

whether the judges' row had caused his exit from the show, Nicholas said: "I can't say I don't think that, because I'd be lying."

The lad from Enfield, north London, added: "I just wish I could have stayed longer and shown them a bit more."

Sharon defended her decision to give him the boot, saying: "Nicholas wasn't in tune. He hasn't been in tune for three weeks."



Maria's in the money

X FACTOR reject Maria Lawson has a secret multi-million-pound property empire, it emerged yesterday.

The singing beauty was booted off the show two weeks ago but she and her new husband Lawrence Garry already have a bulging £12million bank balance.

Maria, 30, lives in a swanky £1.2m penthouse in London's glitzy Docklands.

Property investor husband Lawrence, 33, said: "Maria fell in love with the show apartment, it ticked all the boxes for her and she loves the Manhattan loft style of living. On the strength of that I decided to buy two."

EMMERDALE star Adele Silva was all smiles when she was spotted out and about at the weekend.

The 25-year-old beauty was having a great night with pals at The X Factor show on Saturday.

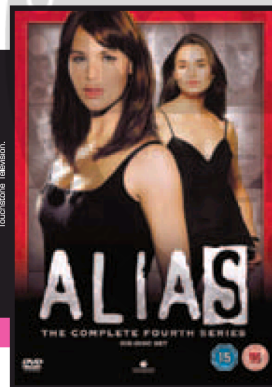
She is expected to fly Down Under this week to support Blue boyfriend Antony Costa, 24, who's deep in the Aussie jungle on I'm A Celebrity.

Maria met Lawrence, 33, nine years ago and they eventually married earlier this year.

But she was forced to give up her £4,000 honeymoon in Mauritius to start rehearsing for the competition.

She had been one of the favourites to win.

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GOING DOWN

WALK Away And I Stumble (ITV1, Monday, Tuesday), in which Tamzin Outhwaite's character was struck down by a terminal illness, was unusual in that we knew how it would end before we were even halfway through. A bit like the Premiership, then, and yet somehow not nearly as depressing.

Take that!

BITCHY ROBBIE DISHES IT OUT

ROBBIE WILLIAMS obviously doesn't like to bear a single grudge. Not when he can bear tons of them.

He's got more flaws than an NCP multi-storey (doesn't really work in print, that gag, but what the hell) and we love him for it.

Without his half-arsed involvement, **Take That... For The Record** (ITV1, Wednesday) would have been just a pop version of 49 Up, catching up with people we've not seen in years so that we could go: "Blimey, look at the state of him."

TUESDAY'S EastEnders (BBC1) saw illiterate Keith Miller mugging a crucial tie-break question in Ian The Weasel's quiz. "Spell 'HAEMORRAGE'," demanded Ian. Poor Keith, eh? It's not as if he won't have seen the word in print before and recognised it. It's the surname of some chap called Brian.

Trinny gets in training

POSH Trinny Woodall was larking around with the kids of one of her makeover volunteers on **What Not To Wear** (BBC1, Wednesday). And, blimey, talk about giving away her roots. "The wheels on the bus," she sang, "go choo-choo train."

Now there's a woman who's had minimal contact with public transport.

MATT LUCAS, as gay Dafydd, was brave to wear a tight black leather thong for the first in a new series of **Little Britain** (BBC1, Thursday). Yep, it showed enormous balls.

WHAT A COOK-UP...

THERE was lots of blood in BBC1's latest Shakespeare revamp **Macbeth** (Monday). Having murdered his boss, the guy had visions of the stuff wherever he looked. Bloody hands, bloody clothes, bloody sheets, bloody food...

Bloody rubbish. What pretentious, over-theatrical tosh this adaptation was. The original was about a guy's desperation to be king in the 11th century, when you can well imagine some mentalist stabbing his way to power.

Here we were meant to believe Macbeth (James McAvoy) was a modern-day chef

so jealous of his boss Duncan's star status that he was prepared to kill him to take over his restaurant. Yeah, right.

OK, I did like it when he barked at his customers: "What the hell are you looking at? Eat!" - unintentionally turning him, briefly into Basil Fawlty. But only because it showed us the one way this could have been made half-watchable.

Macbeth shouldn't have attacked Duncan with a kitchen knife. He should have smacked him over the head with a spoon, barked "You're a waste of space", then made his Siberian hamster the dish of the day.



THIS cute little turkey is understandably desperate not to end up as someone's din-dins on Christmas Day. So in the new ad for Thornton's he buys a box of choccies to suck up to the axe-wielding farmer. Seems to have done the trick, too, doesn't it? How jolly heart-warming. Boxing Day it is, then.



READY FOR A BITE, JEN?

JENNY FROST was struggling right from the start of **I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here!** (ITV1).

As she prepared to head in to the jungle, she confessed: "I'm not great with insects, rats, snakes or spiders." You'll be bloody hungry, then, love.

BUGGED: Hungry Jenny

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IN the first of a new series of **Dragons' Den** (BBC2, Tuesday), a sort of **X Factor** for budding entrepreneurs, a man called Andy tried to sell the panel his idea of Star Trek pyjamas for adults.

"I've identified a key gap in the market," he announced, "from the point of view of the apparel sector linking into themed adult loungewear."

I understand that's Klingon for "I'm a fricking nutjob".

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Mystery as hour-glass girls vanish

THE hour-glass shaped woman is now a thing of the past.

Females formed like curvy presenter turned actress Kelly Brook are a dying breed, according to research.

Scientists ran a survey after women complained High Street shops did not make clothes to fit them.

They found only 8.4% of 6,318 women surveyed were hour-glass shaped.

Girls are now more rectangular, like I'm A Celebrity presenter Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, 33, than curvy like Kelly, 25.

The hour-glass shape, a small waist, curvy hips



NOW
SPOON-SHAPE:
Davina McCall

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and bosom, first came to the public's attention with the rise of 1950s Hollywood screen idols like Marilyn Monroe and Ava Gardner.

The average woman is now shaped more like Susannah Constantine, 42, of TV show What Not To Wear.

Classic

The spoon-shaped woman with wide hips and small bust, similar to Big Brother's Davina McCall, 38, made up 21% of those polled. Mannequin makers Alva Products commissioned the US study. And chief executive Janice Wang said: "Women have got larger and this means the hour-glass is becoming irrelevant."

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THEN
CURVED OFF:
Kelly Brook's
look is no
longer popular

Glitter given jail aid

POP perv Gary Glitter, arrested in Vietnam on child sex charges, has been seen by UK officials.

The 61-year-old has been held on suspicion of "lewd acts" with children after an arrest warrant was issued last week.

The shamed star was stopped at an airport trying to leave the country.

A Vietnamese spokesman said: "The authorities have interviewed a 15-year-old girl they had found at his home."

Lawyer

Consular officials who visited Glitter say he will have access to a lawyer.

If convicted he could be jailed for up to 12 years.

Police earlier said Glitter was allegedly involved with two girls under the age of 18.

He was found guilty in the UK in 1999 of possessing child porn and jailed.

And so to bed..



Red-hot fashion

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Brains drain

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